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NOVI SAD AND SERPLJE GET
NEW HOUSING, OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

MODERNIZATION OF NOVI SAD -- Borba, No 77, 31 Mar 49

Thus far, Novi Sad has grown at random. Last year the City Planning Institute of the Serbian government drew up a general plan for a new, modern city. There will be a main avenue approached by main and secondary streets, with parks and wooded avenues. Railroad transport will be transferred to the northern part of the city, and a housing community will be built in the southern part, near the Danube. The Industrial center will be separated from the housing community. Freight transportation will be routed in the outskirts, and peripheral highways will be built there. Administration buildings and a hospital will be erected, and school buildings, boarding schools, and a large athletic stadium will be built near the Danube.

Housing will be built not in enclosed blocks but as detached buildings surrounded by lawns. In the center of the city a public square with an opera house, a theater, and other cultural buildings will be built.

This year 140 million dinars will be spent on building the city. Most of this sum will be spent for housing. A total of 480 apartment houses of two or four units each will be built this year.

Some old buildings which now deface the city will be torn down to provide building material. Concrete blocks made of a mixture of slag and concrete will also be used. Many of the buildings will have concrete domes instead of roofs. The "Beton" (Concrete) Factory will make concrete blocks for 350 houses.

All the larger factories will build housing for their blue- and white-collar workers. This year the "Pobeda" Farm-Machinery Factory, for example, will complete four buildings, already started, containing about 20 apartments, and will build 64 new three-room and two-room apartments.

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Work has begun on the construction of the aqueduct, which was proposed 60 years ago but started only recently. Last year 50 percent of the excavation for the main conduit was finished, and a third of the pipe for it was laid. This year the rest of the pipe for the main conduit will be laid and a water filtering station built. According to the plan, the conduit will be completed in 1951.

To date, part of an unimproved wharf has been used as a harbor at Novi Sad. It is difficult for ships to land at such a harbor, especially at low water. Last year the construction of a modern harbor was begun. When it is completed in 1950, it will be one of the most modern river ports in Yugoslavia. The builders of the harbor have pledged that one third of the harbor will be ready to accommodate transport by 1 May 1949.

The plan calls for the construction of 20,000 square meters of street in various parts of the City. Dunavska (Danube) and Senja Marinkovic Streets, on which asphalt paving was begun last year, will be completed during 1949.

Over 22 million dinars will be spent on the expansion of the municipal farms to increase the supply of vegetables, fruit, meat, fats, and dairy products to the working people of Novi Sad.

NEWER HOUSING UNITS FOR SLOPIJE -- Borba, No 75, 29 Mar 49

Over 200 million dinars will be spent this year on housing construction in Skoplje. According to the plan, 1,300 new units will be built. Blueprints have been made for over 13 different types of buildings. Provision has been made for sunlight, balconies, and other healthful features.

Many apartments for workers will be built in the industrial part of town. Large blocks containing 40 one-room, 40 two-room, and 40 three-room apartments have been planned. Lawns and parks will be planted around them. A large building for unmarried persons, with about 200 units, also will be built this year. Stores, tradesmen's shops, laundries, a library, and other facilities will be built. The apartments will have baths and other facilities.

Several temporary office buildings to be built this year will release about 800 apartments, which have been used as offices, for living quarters.

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